Proceedings of the City of Joliet Community Relations Advisory Board held on August 17, 2017

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Joliet, Illinois was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Wayne Horne, Garland Mays, Lonnie Posley, Betty

Washington, Cornel Darden, Jr., Burneva McCullum.

ABSENT: R. Dale Evans, Raychel Wesley

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Mihelich – Director of Administrative Services

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion to appoint R. Dale Evans as Chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board was made by Cornel Darden, Jr.

Motion seconded by Lonnie Posley.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Wayne Horne, Garland Mays, Lonnie

Posley, Betty Washington, Cornel

Darden, Jr., Burneva McCullum.

NAYS: None.

Motion to appoint Lonnie Posley as Vice-Chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board was made by Burneva McCullum.

Motion seconded by Cornel Darden, Jr.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Wayne Horne, Garland Mays, Lonnie

Posley, Betty Washington, Cornel

Darden, Jr., Burneva McCullum.

NAYS: None.

3. NEW OR OLD BUSINESS

The next order of business was to appoint staggered terms per the rules of the committee. After some discussion it was decided by the group to appoint five members to a two-year term, and then appoint four members to a one-year term.

Since at this time there were only eight members appointed to the committee, it was further determined to have the ninth person designated as the final one-year term. Board members names were pulled from a cup and the following were the results:

Two-year terms: Cornell Darden, Jr., R. Dale Evans, Garland Mays, Lonnie Posley, Betty Washington

One-year terms: Wayne Horne, Burneva McCullum, Rachel Wesley

There was a general reminder for everyone on the Board to complete their Open Meetings Act training.

A discussion then followed as to what priorities and future agendas should include. Topics considered included following up on a minority diversity clause in City contracts, City hiring practices, job creation, and supporting businesses and families in the community. The board also discussed reaching out to the community via the neighborhood councils and revisiting the Eastside Quality of Life Plan previously prepared for the City.

At the end, Vice Chair Posley, stated he would meet with Chair Evans to discuss a subsequent meeting date as well as an agenda.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lonnie Posley.

Motion seconded by Cornel Darden, Jr.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Wayne Horne, Garland Mays, Lonnie

Posley, Betty Washington, Cornel

Darden, Jr., Burneva McCullum.

NAYS: None.

Minutes taken by Ken Mihelich